REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-21 and 24-28 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. The Examiner has indicated that claims 19-21 are allowable. Claims 1-18 and 24-28 have been cancelled herein. A listing of the claims can be found at pages 2-3 above.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-6, 8-18 and 22-28 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-6, 8-18 and 22-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Frogner, *et al.* (US 6,735,553, hereinafter Frogner) in view of Anderson, *et al.* (US 5,850,386) (hereinafter Anderson). Withdrawal of this rejection is requested because claims 1-6, 8-18 and 22-28 have been cancelled as indicated above, so the rejection of these claims is moot.

CONCLUSION

The subject application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [ALBRP296US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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